



ISABELLA DAM SAFETY MODIFICATION PROJECT SITUATION REPORT



U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers
Sacramento District

Highlights (last 30 days)

Successful public meetings

Our team would like to thank everyone who participated in our public meetings Oct. 19-21. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss with you our plans moving forward. Additionally we are reviewing your questions and concerns to ensure that they are addressed.

Drilling Update

Drilling in the south-bound lane of Hwy 155 next to the main dam is expected to be complete by Nov. 6. Geologic data from three borings will help provide pertinent information for design of a floodwall to be constructed adjacent to the roadway as part of the Corps' project, which will raise both the main and auxiliary dams and their abutments on each end up to 16 feet.

Instrumentation Relocation

We are taking advantage of the low lake level to install new staff gauges to measure lake elevation, because the old ones will be removed with the emergency spillway excavation. All the work will be done off the road and will not have any impact to Hwy 155 traffic.

Looking Ahead (next 30 days +)

Recreation/USFS Relocation Environmental Assessment/Public Meetings

The Recreation/USFS Relocation EA #3 is scheduled for release in draft form on Nov. 19, 2015. As a result we will be holding public meetings on Dec. 7-9 in Bakersfield, Lake Isabella and Kernville. A 30 day public review and comment period will begin after the release of the draft EA.

Lakeside Village Mobile Home Park

The Lakeside Village Mobile Home Park property has been acquired and all residents have been relocated. The Corps is securing vacated trailers until they are removed. Work is anticipated to begin in November and conclude by the end of December.

Current Lake Status (29 Oct)

The current pool resides at 30,457 acre-ft, and elevation of 2,523.39 feet (IPD) or 2522.53 (NAVD 88) which is 8% of the restricted pool. As part of our interim risk reduction measures, Isabella Lake has a restricted elevation of 2,589 feet (361,250 acre-ft). Current lake status can be viewed at <http://130.165.21.224/fcgi-bin/hourly.py?report=isb>

November 2015

UPCOMING MILESTONES

*Pre-Construction, Engineering
and Design*
2013 - 2016

*NEPA Documents for
Real Estate, Recreation
Environmental Assessments
Public Meetings*
7,8,9 December 2015

*Dam & Spillway
Construction*
2017 - 2022

Project Web page:

[http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/
Missions/CivilWorks/
IsabellaDam.aspx](http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/IsabellaDam.aspx)

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